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[] At the request of General Carter, I talked with William Darden concerning Senator Russell's request that he be furnished information available to the Agency concerning the sources of information on the Sino-Soviet rift information. I advised Darden that we were now prepared to do this but that General Carter felt it would be more useful if he could brief the Senator and he would do this at the Senator's convenience. Mr. Darden was requested to take this up with Senator Russell and advise us. Darden said he would speak to Senator Russell and let us know.

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[] Talked with Boyd Crawford with reference to his request that Mr. McCone or General Carter brief the House Foreign Affairs Committee on certain aspects of our intelligence capabilities with respect to the nuclear test ban treaty. At General Carter's request, I advised Crawford that the General felt that this was a subject which Mr. McCone was so intimately familiar that it was his view that he (General Carter) would not be the best witness for the Agency. I explained that Mr. McCone expected to be in town next week but carefully made the point that neither the General nor I could commit the Director on this but we would raise it upon his return. Mr. Crawford agreed that they would defer their request to the Agency and would await word from us next week.

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[] Talked with Mr. Blandford suggesting that there be included in the amended draft of our retirement bill a provision making determinations of the DCI final and not subject to court review. Mr. Blandford agreed and a clean bill will be forwarded to him tomorrow. Mr. Blandford indicated no hearings could be held this week but he hoped we could get to the remainder of our hearings next week. However, no firm arrangements are possible at this time.

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[] Talked with Charles Johnson, Staff Director of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who indicated that a proposed bill for executive pay would be forwarded by the Civil Service Commission to the Congress on 13 August. He also indicated that this would be described as a bill to adjust salaries of judges and U. S. attorneys and, consequently, would be referred to the Judiciary Committee. I gather that necessary arrangements have been made between the Administration, the House leadership and the Chairmen of the Committees concerned to this effect although the bill will not be an Administration bill. **SECRET**